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Lead Safety Collaborative Offers Free Blood Testing Clinics

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

SAN DIEGO – City residents are encouraged to get their family's blood tested for lead poisoning at one of two free testing events scheduled this month. **The first event will be held at Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th St., on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The second blood testing event will be held at the **Linda Vista Library, 2160 Ulric St., on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

This year's theme, "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future," focuses on the many ways parents can reduce a child's exposure to lead and prevent its serious health effects. Event attendees will learn about the Lead Safety Collaborative's FREE housing lead abatement program for households with children less than 6 years of age. Information about grants and loan programs to improve the safety of your home will be made available, and staff can discuss childhood lead poisoning prevention specific to your home. Anyone who gets their children tested will receive a **FREE** English-Spanish Sesame Street™ "Lead Away" musical compact disc.

The Lead Safety Collaborative Partners participating in this event include:

- The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department;
- The Environmental Health Coalition;
- La Maestra Community Health Centers; and
- The County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency.

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is Oct. 23-29, 2016. These free events are funded by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Control Grant. For more information, call the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department at 858-694-7000 or visit their website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/leadsafety>.

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